

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Tom Berry, on February 10, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 306, 2/5/2015; HB 396, 2/5/2015; SB 81, 2/5/2015;
SB 105, 2/5/2015

Executive Action: HB 343; HB 347; HB 384; SB 81; SB 104; SB 164

00:00:01 Chairman Berry

HEARING ON SB 81

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:05 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 81, Revise membership of certain licensing boards.

EXHIBIT(buh30a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:32 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
00:04:50 Heather O'Hara, President, Board of Nursing
00:05:26 Amy Fisher, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
00:05:55 Robin Cunningham, Chairman, Montana Board of Outfitters
00:06:44 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:11 Rep. Curdy
00:07:31 Heather O'Hara, Board of Nursing

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:57 Sen. Facey

00:10:05 Chairman Berry

HEARING ON HB 396

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:57 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 396, Revise laws related to small business impact analysis.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:50 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
EXHIBIT(buh30a02)
00:20:44 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:32 Rep. Lang
00:22:55 Glenn Oppel, MCC
00:23:40 Rep. Pope

00:24:07 Glenn Oppel, MCC
00:24:15 Rep. Pope
00:24:46 Glenn Oppel, MCC
00:25:02 Rep. Olsen
00:25:29 Glenn Oppel, MCC
00:26:04 Rep. Olsen
00:26:12 Glenn Oppel, MCC
00:26:28 Rep. Olsen
00:26:42 Glenn Oppel, MCC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:14 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON SB 105

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:01 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 105, Revise unemployment insurance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:33 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[**EXHIBIT\(buh30a03\)**](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:55 Rep. Hunter
00:35:15 Judy Bovington, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:14 Sen. Arntzen

00:36:44 Vice Chair Salomon assumed the chair.
00:36:51 Chairman Salomon
00:36:58 Rep. Berry left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 306

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:57 Rep. Jennifer Eck (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 306, Revise unemployment insurance benefits for victims of domestic violence.

[**EXHIBIT\(buh30a04\)**](#)

00:39:22 Rep. Berry returned to the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:46 Pam Bucy, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
 00:46:07 Robin Turner, Public Policy and Legal Director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
 00:52:50 Maggie Moran, Executive Director, NARAL Pro-choice Montana
 00:53:45 Tara Jensen, Co-Director, Montana Budget and Policy Center
 00:55:49 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project
 00:56:22 Terry Minow, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
 00:56:56 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:34 Rep. Noland
 00:58:04 Pam Bucy, DLI
 00:59:06 Rep. Hunter
 00:59:30 Pam Bucy, DLI
 01:00:18 Rep. Staffanson
 01:00:47 Rep. Eck
 01:01:06 Pam Bucy, DLI
 01:01:45 Rep. Staffanson
 01:02:10 Rep. Eck
 01:02:51 Rep. Staffanson
 01:03:04 Rep. Moore
 01:03:45 Rep. Eck
 01:04:33 Rep. Clark
 01:04:49 Pam Bucy, DLI
 01:04:59 Rep. Clark
 01:05:18 Pam Bucy, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:26 Rep. Eck

 01:06:53 Chairman Berry resumed as chairman
 01:08:01 Rep. Moore

 01:08:08 Recessed.
 01:28:53 Reconvened with Rep. Pierson absent.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 81

01:29:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 81 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Pierson voted by proxy. Rep. Moore will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 343

01:30:07 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 343 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:30:27 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:30:48 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 343 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(buh30a05)

Discussion:

01:31:07 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:31:54 Rep. Olsen

01:32:39 Rep. Moore

01:33:10 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:33:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Olsen voting no.
Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

01:34:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 343 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

01:34:59 Rep. Moore left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 347

01:35:08 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 347 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:35:27 Rep. Pope

01:36:51 Rep. Pierson arrived.

01:37:03 Rep. Hunter

01:38:46 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-18 by roll call vote with Rep. Pope voting aye. Rep. Moore
voted by proxy.

01:39:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 347 BE TABLED.** Motion carried
18-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Rep. Moore was absent and did
not vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 384

01:39:52 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 384 DO PASS.**

01:39:59 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 384 BE TABLED.**

01:40:08 Chairman Berry

Discussion:

01:40:40 Rep. Hunter
01:40:52 Chairman Berry suspended the motion.
01:40:58 Rep. Lynch
01:41:13 Rep. Olsen
01:43:31 Chairman Berry
01:43:53 Rep. Lang
01:44:42 Rep. Pope
01:44:56 Chairman Berry returned to the motion.

01:46:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Hunter, Rep. Kipp, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Pope and Rep. Steenberg voting no. Rep. Moore voted by proxy.

01:46:25 Chairman Berry

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 104

01:47:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 104 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Welborn voting no. Rep. Moore voted by proxy. Rep. Salomon will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 164

01:48:54 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 164 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:49:15 Rep. Olson
01:50:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Rep. Kipp and Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Moore voted by proxy. Rep. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.
01:51:55 Chairman Berry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:52:13

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh30aad.pdf](#))